

Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church

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Sunday, August 3, 2025

Lectionary 18, Year C

8th Sunday after Pentecost



Please welcome Kathy Robinson as she leads us in Worship today.

Prelude

Announcements

Introduction

Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.

Please stand if able.

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father,

and of the ✠ Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

you free us to love others,

but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.

**You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness,
and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life.
Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus
and you are God's children through faith.
In the cross of ✝ Christ,
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
Amen.

Gathering Hymn

“Lead Me, Guide Me”

#768

Greeting: “The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all” (2 Corinthians 13:14).

C: And also, with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game, a “vanity of vanities.” Nevertheless, he asserts in the next verse, it is good to find enjoyment in one’s work because such enjoyment is a gift from God.

² Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

¹² I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³ I applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to humans to be busy with. ¹⁴ I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun, and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

^{2:18} I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to my successor, ¹⁹ and who knows whether he will be wise or foolish? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰ So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹ because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²² What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³ For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.
R: Word of God. Word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: 49:1-12

R: Please read responsively to Psalm: 49:1-12

My mouth shall speak of wisdom. (Ps. 49:3)

¹ Hear this, | all you peoples;
give ear, all you who dwell | in the world,

² you of high de- | gree and low,
rich and | poor together.

³ My mouth shall | speak of wisdom,

and my heart shall meditate on | understanding.
⁴ **I will incline my ear | to a proverb
and set forth my riddle up- | on the harp. R**
⁵ Why should I be afraid in | evil days,
when the wickedness of those at my | heels surrounds me,
⁶ **the wickedness of those who put their trust in | their own prowess,
and boast of | their great riches?**
⁷ One can never re- | deem another,
or give to God the ransom for an- | other's life;
⁸ **for the ransom of a life | is so great
that there would never be e- | nough to pay it,**
⁹ in order to live forev- | er and ever
and never | see the grave.
¹⁰ **For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stu- | pid they
perish
and leave their wealth to those who come | after them.**
¹¹ Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from
generation to | generation,
though they had named lands af- | ter themselves.
¹² **Even though honored, they cannot | live forever;
they are like the | beasts that perish. R**

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-11

Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values. Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes and put on new garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God's love in Christ.

¹ So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality,

impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷ These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸ But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹ In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

R: Word of God. Word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

“Alleluia”

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Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

In God's reign, the “rich will be sent away empty.” Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” ¹⁴ But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵ And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’” ¹⁸ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’” ²⁰ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the

things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Pulpit Hymn

“Son of God, Eternal Savior”

#655

Sermon

Kathy Robinson

Silence for reflection.

Hymn of the Day

“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”

#774

Please stand if able.

Apostles' Creed

See the yellow sheet in the back of your hymnal.

Sharing of the Peace

P: The Peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also, with you.

P: I invite you to share the Peace however you feel comfortable.

Please be seated for the Prayers.

Prayers of Intercession

Read by our Lector today:

Al Solomonson

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

After “God of Grace” please respond with “hear our prayer”

A brief silence.

The Lord's Prayer

Offertory Hymn

“My God, How Wonderful Thou Art”

#863

The usher will bring up the offering plate.

Please stand if able.

Offering Prayer

P: Creator God,
in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good
and the harvest is plentiful.
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth
and our labor,
that we may work for the good of all;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

Blessing

The love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit
✝ bless you and give you peace.
Amen.

Sending Hymn **“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”** **#778**

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Attendance on 7/27/2025: 26

Prayer Concerns: Mary Ann Klinker, Joan Bonstead, Judi McGill and Bob Henning for medical challenges. Joan Winterhoff, Karen Spoehr. (For updates, please contact the ILC Office)

Our Sister Church is the Lobatla Parish. Pastor Elijah Lekwate. Email for Justice Pule: pulejustice74@gmail.com

Volunteers needed to Host Coffee Hours. The sign-up sheet is in the kitchen.

Serving us Today

Leader: Kathy Robinson

Organist/Pianist: Judy Kort

Reader: Al Solomonson

Ushers: Kathy and Bruce Knox

Video Recorder: Bob Henning

Altar Guild: Kathy Knox, Joanne Distelhorst, and Pattie Bricko

The Men's Discussion Group meets Thursdays at 7:30 am, in the Koinonia room. New participants are always welcome.

There are many scrapbooks available in the Conference Room for viewing. They are in fragile condition, but feel free to browse them at your convenience.

August 2025 Worship Servers					
DATE	PIANIST / ORGANIST	READER	USHER / GREETERS	VIDEO TAPER	WORSHIP LEADER
8/3/2025	Judy Kort	Al Solomonson	Kathy and Bruce Knox	Bob Henning	Kathy Robinson
8/10/2025	Karen Z.	Adam Doede	Bob Doede	Bob Henning	Kathy Robinson
8/17/2025	Daniel Larson	Doug Helling	Mike Schwede	Bob Henning	Kathy Robinson
8/24/2025	Karen Z.	Sue Schwede	Mike Schwede	Bob Henning	Rev. Doug Helling
8/31/2025		Doug Helling	Kathy and Bruce Knox	Bob Henning	Rev. Doug Helling
Altar Guild: Kathy Knox, Joanne Distelhorst, and Pattie Bricko					
We do not have a supply Pastor for Sunday, August 24, 2025 and Sunday, August 31, 2025					